

heard of the great accomplishments in fighting cancer during the past decade, and ACS has played a key role. Raising millions of dollars to research cancer treatments and cures are perhaps the most well known of its efforts. There is also the Society's important work to prevent cancer through education and other efforts.

Its assistance to those struggling with the disease is perhaps most closely felt. Cancer victims and their families turn to the American Cancer Society for support when the fight against cancer become all too personal. There are countless survivors who know what a difference the Society can make.

An effective, national organization, the American Cancer Society derives its greatest strength from its volunteers and activists across the nation. I wish to just highlight one of its many local groups, the Bay Area American Cancer Society in the southeast of Texas. Stretching from Friendswood, to Pearland, through Webster and Nassau Bay, the Baytown Chapter encompasses more than a dozen small towns. These diverse communities across the Clear Lake area of Texas join together in their fight against cancer.

The educational work of the Bay Area American Cancer Society doesn't stop in Clear Lake, or even in Texas. We hear their message even here in the nation's Capitol. Whether it is the call for critical federal research funds or to support coverage of routine patient care costs for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer, it is the local activists who alert me to the key issues in the fight against cancer.

I applaud their efforts, I applaud their accomplishment, and I join in their dream to end the disease of cancer that touches too many lives and families.

HONORING HELEN McDOWELL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Helen McDowell, a nurse, a parent, and a pillar of her community. Her motto is: "Lots of talk and activity don't impress me; results are what really counts." I honor her today because she has an impressive history of achieving results and serving the needs of others.

Helen McDowell was born in Montclair, New Jersey, the daughter of the late George McDowell of Birmingham, Alabama and his wife, Mary, of Halifax, North Carolina. After living several years in New Jersey and Queens, New York, Helen McDowell moved with her mother and two brothers to Stuyvesant Avenue in Brooklyn, New York.

In her new home in Brooklyn, Helen attended the Holy Rosary School and Catherine McAuley High School. These distinguished institutions prepared her well for college, and she began her college career at St. John's University. After spending some time at St. John's, Ms. McDowell pursued a course of study at the Bellevue School of Nursing at New York University. Public Nursing was her forte, and her interest in it led her to continue her studies at Teachers College at Columbia University.

"Ms. Mac," as her friends know her, began an illustrious teaching career in San Fran-

cisco, California. Through her teaching position in San Francisco, she got the opportunity to travel to Africa, Haiti and the Eastern Caribbean with the United Nations' World Health Organization. As you can imagine, during her seventeen years away from her community in Brooklyn, Ms. Mac had the good fortune to combine her work, travel and, sometimes, play on several continents.

Ultimately, Ms. Mac returned to us in Brooklyn, reestablishing her roots in Bedford Stuyvesant. However, she continued to fulfill her commitment to lifelong learning, a cornerstone of her philosophy of life. So, at the age of 50, she enrolled in a graduate program in Business Administration, which she completed with distinction.

An early retirement enabled Ms. Mac to become deeply involved with non-profit organizations in her local community. She eventually established Marimac Services, Inc., a corporation that enabled her to invest in and assist others with tenant and building management services. Many local professional organizations benefited from her dedication, expertise and professionalism.

While she is too shy to admit her many talents, like her fluency in French, her family and friends know how remarkable she is. Whether she is spending her time overseeing building renovations, home repair or decorating, her energy and resources seem endless. Ms. Mac is more than worthy of receiving this honor, Mr. Speaker, and I hope that all of my colleagues will join me today in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

TRIBUTE TO COCHISE CASH

HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cochise Cash. For many years now, Mr. Cash has been a leader in our Fort Worth community. He is a groundbreaking journalist, being one of the first African Americans to work as a television reporter in the Dallas/Fort Worth market. He has also given an enormous amount of his time to various charitable and community activities.

In recognition of his dedication to his fellow citizens, this past September Cochise Cash was elected as President of the prestigious Southside Optimist Club of Fort Worth. Mr. Cash is the first African American president in the club's history.

This is a high compliment to Cochise Cash and a fitting recognition of his many years of good work. Your family and friends must be proud of you. Mr. Cash, I'd like to thank you on behalf of all of my constituents, good luck in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF KALEIDOSCOPE 2000—THE 20TH ANNUAL NAPA VALLEY WINE AUCTION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Napa Valley Vint-

ners Association's 20th Annual Napa Valley Wine Auction to be held on June 3, 2000 at Meadowood Resort in St. Helena, CA.

Since its inception in 1981, the Napa Valley Wine Auction has become the world's largest charity wine auction contributing more than \$20 million to local nonprofit organizations.

Last year, the auction raised over \$4 million, which was allocated to area health care providers, and youth and housing programs. Organizations that have benefited from these funds include Napa Women's Emergency Services, Hospice of Napa Valley, Planned Parenthood, the Boys and Girls Clubs of American Canyon, Napa Valley, and St. Helena, and Healthy Moms and Babies.

The auction weekend kicks off on Thursday, June 1st with the opening of the display auction lots at newly remodeled Silverado Vineyards with a trio of joint venture lots and concludes on Saturday, June 3rd with a family-style dinner on the Meadowood fairway.

The three-day event includes a tasting of foods prepared by dozens of Napa Valley restaurateurs and caterers as well as a Vintners black-tie dinner Gala.

This year's event features soul diva Patti LaBelle, who agreed to perform a 40-minute show after learning that last year's monies went to farm worker housing, youth at risk, and health care.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we acknowledge the 20th Napa Valley Wine Auction and the Napa Valley Vintners Association's efforts to improve the quality of life in our community.

IN CELEBRATION OF KANSAS CITY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2000

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Kansas City, Missouri's 150th Birthday. The sesquicentennial marks an era of growth and prosperity in the Midwest. John Calvin McCoy, the father of Kansas City, created a small trading town on the banks of the Missouri River. It was a link from the stunning East to the sprawling West. Truly in the Heart of America, this City was destined to become a great metropolitan area as it is today.

The innovation of bridges allowed travelers and goods to move through Kansas City to complement the Missouri River's movement of commerce. Soon railroads aided this cause and Kansas City flourished. It became a metropolis known for its stockyards and wheat. The 1900's brought growth.

The citizens of this distinguished and lovable city have seen the building of the Liberty Memorial, the only World War I monument dedicated by the five allied leaders; the development of the Country Club Plaza by J.C. Nichols, the first outdoor shopping venue now visited by travelers from all over the world for its elegance; the Pendergast era in which Kansas City's own political machine ruled for years; a Convention Center rebuilt from fire ruins in less than 90 days for the 1900 Democratic National Convention; and the birth of Kansas City Jazz which can still be heard throughout our country. We became a Major